

Remarks/Arguments

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on September 16, 2004, a corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section is enclosed. The listing of claims is in full compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

Applicant notes that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was not completed. It does not indicate what caused the amendment to be non-compliant, or which amendment document is considered non-compliant. Applicant assumes that the Notice is in reference to the preliminary amendment submitted on March 19, 2002, and that the March 19 amendment is considered non-compliant because it is not in the format specified by 37 CFR 1.121. If applicant is incorrect in this regard, further explanation of the Notice is requested.

Applicant also notes that the preliminary amendment was filed more than one year before the revised amendment practice under 37 CFR 1.121 became effective on July 30, 2003, and was in compliance with the rules in effect at the time of filing. Nevertheless, a listing of claims in compliance with the revised amendment practice is enclosed. The enclosed listing of claims also corrects typographical errors in claim 20.

Consideration of this application in view of the preliminary amendment submitted on March 19, 2002 is requested. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues not addressed by this response. Any fees due in connection with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

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Respectfully submitted,
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